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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a representative of Trinity Missions on behalf of the tens of thousands of poor and marginalized men, women and children our priests and Brothers serve here in the United States and abroad. In the almost one hundred years since our foundation, our Catholic Congregation of priests and Brothers has become an international community serving the poor in six countries.

In order to help those most in need, we rely on the generosity of our benefactors. We communicate news of our good works as well as our financial needs to these same benefactors via direct mail fundraising appeals. In fact, in FY17 our non-profit organization will mail close to 6 million fundraising appeals and acknowledgements. We expect to spend \$715,152 on postage at the non-profit rate.

The current USPS pricing system works well for us. However, a change to this pricing system, specifically a postage rate increase above the rate of inflation, will have a significant and lasting effect on our organization's ability to provide services to those most in need. Please keep the people we serve in mind as you consider a postage rate increase.

In these trying financial times, it is important to remember those less fortunate. It is non-profits like ours that meet many of the daily needs for individuals and families who may fall through the gaps, who are struggling just to get by. They deserve our help...more importantly they deserve your help as well.

Sincerely,

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